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Proposal 96

Set Gillnet Gear in Inner Bay Areas of Northwest Kodiak District

After listening to comments and discussion, particularly regarding gear conflict, I would like to offer the following as amended language for this proposal that will avoid gear conflict but also provide for equity access to fish in the inner bay areas:

After August 15th, if the outer areas of the central section of the N.W. District are closed for more than 48 hours AND any one or more of the inner bays are open to commercial salmon fishing, set gillnet gear and seine gear would alternate times of fishing and sequence for the first fishing period. The first time an inner bay opening would occur under these circumstances, set gillnet gear shall be allowed in the inner bay area for a 30 hour opening to run from noon to 6:00 p.m. the following day, followed by an 18 hour closure (6:00 pm. to the following noon), and then seine gear would have a 30 hour opening. This pattern would continue as long as the inner bay area is open. On the second inner bay opening under these circumstances (counted sequentially not within a season) seine gear would go first and each subsequent opening under these circumstances would alternate the gear type that went first.